

Calendar No. 30, the nomination of Adewale O. Adeyemo, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, be withdrawn and, notwithstanding rule XXII, on Thursday, March 25, at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Republican leader, the Senate proceed to executive session and vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; further, that no further motions be in order, that any related statements be printed in the RECORD, that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I want to come to the floor to bring up four subjects. The first one is 30 seconds.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Madam President, we hear from Democrats that they want to do things in a bipartisan way. Last year, Senator WYDEN and I developed a bipartisan bill that would save the taxpayers \$95 billion and reduce the cost of prescription drugs.

Everybody wants that. President Trump wanted it, President Biden wanted it, and there is no reason why in 1 week we couldn't get that bill passed. We don't have to wait until several weeks down the road to do something like that.

It didn't come up last Congress because both Senator SCHUMER and Senator MCCONNELL were against it. It is bipartisan. We ought to move on that.

(The remarks of Mr. GRASSLEY pertaining to the introduction of S. 949 are printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

BORDER SECURITY

Madam President, on another subject, I want to speak again about the border crisis created by the Biden administration. I spoke on this subject just last week, and the situation has not improved since then.

Encounters with family units and unaccompanied alien children continue to increase. There are now new reports that at some segments of the border, illegal immigrants are being released into the interior of the United States without receiving a notice to appear in immigration court. To be clear, it appears that the administration is now releasing some illegal immigrants into the United States without even attempting to give them immigration court dates, much less taking any real steps to ensure that they actually schedule their hearings and show up for their court dates in the future.

Once again, this is totally unacceptable. This is catch-and-release without even pretending to care whether the immigrants show up for court or are removed from the country in the fu-

ture. This is also not sustainable. Every sovereign nation has a right as well as a duty to its citizens to control its borders. What we are seeing from this administration isn't border control or security. You see it on television. It is chaos. It is what happens when you broadcast to the world that you have no intention of enforcing our Nation's immigration laws.

The President could take action to end this crisis today if he actually wanted to. He could restore the Migrant Protection Protocols and the asylum cooperative agreements that the Trump administration signed with El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

He could start building more physical infrastructure along our southern border as administrations of both parties have done for over 20 years, including the administration in which Biden served as Vice President. Fencing isn't something new, and it has not been a partisan issue until just here lately.

Rather than propose unserious blanket amnesty legislation that contains no real border security, the President could work with Congress on common-sense changes to our immigration laws that we all know are needed.

Finally, the President could make clear that he is in favor of fully enforcing our immigration laws as written, across the board, remembering that he takes an oath that has the words to "faithfully execute" the laws.

Unfortunately, this administration believes that the surge in illegal immigration at the southern border, due to its policies, is a process to be managed rather than a crisis to be stopped. As long as that is the case, we won't be able to truly secure our border and cut off the flow of illegal immigration to this country. Let's hope things change soon.

ELECTION OF MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS

Madam President, on one other very short matter, I want to speak about something that is going on in the House of Representatives that I think we all ought to abhor. Congress should not overturn a legal, State-certified election.

I defended President Trump's right to litigate claims of election irregularities in our independent court system and defer to the judgment of independent judges. I was initially criticized for that position by partisans on the left who wanted me to make some sort of independent determination of election claims before the courts had ruled. I maintained my deference to the independent judges once the courts had ruled and Trump partisans did not like the rulings. So what happened? It led to criticism of me from the right then.

When objections were raised to counting certain States' electoral votes based upon State-certified elections, I voted against overturning those elections.

My position remains the same with respect to the purpose of my remarks today, and that is the State-certified

election of Representative MILLER-MEEKS, who now ably represents Iowa's Second Congressional District.

MILLER-MEEKS' opponent chose to forgo her right under Iowa law to present any claims of election irregularities to an independent panel of judges. Guess what. That is because, under Iowa law, she had no legal claim. Representative MILLER-MEEKS won fair and square as certified by Iowa's bipartisan election board.

The House Administration Committee is moving forward with a process to overturn this certified election, stating it will "exercise its discretion to depart from Iowa law." That is a quote I just gave from information given by the House Administration Committee.

They are proposing that the House of Representatives exercise its discretion to depart from Iowa law. They were elected under Iowa law. Every one of the 435 Congressmen were elected under the laws of their State. Isn't it a little bit outrageous that people would say we should ignore the law of Iowa in this case?

I hope that we can get every one of Iowa's four Congressmen and -women to vote to keep MILLER-MEEKS in office, and I want to hear from every one of my colleagues who decried overturning State-certified elections in January if each still holds that position.

Of course, attention to the Press Gallery—I was asked more times than I can count if I accepted the results of the Presidential election. It would be very timely and a very relevant question to ask Senators in the hallways if they accept the certified election of Representative MILLER-MEEKS.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

BORDER SECURITY

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I am glad to hear the distinguished Senator, my colleague and friend, speak about the problems on the southern border.

I feel for President Biden because he inherited a horrible mess from his predecessor, a man who said that he would build a wall, which he didn't—a wall that would stop illegal immigration, which it didn't—and that he would build it, saying he would get the money from Mexico, knowing that he would not get 1 cent from Mexico, but he repeated that falsehood hundreds of times around this country. He also actually took money away from housing for families on our military bases, from families living in substandard housing. It was money that Congress had voted for to repair the housing to make it safe, to remove lead, mold, and so on. He took that money to build a wall that he claimed, as I said, Mexico would pay for.

When I was the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, we passed by about a 2-to-1 margin, after months and months and months of debate and work, an immigration bill here in the